

60/021,612, filed July 12, 1996, which applications and patents are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety.

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In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-11.

REMARKS

Claims 1-21 were previously pending in the application. By this Preliminary Amendment, claims 1-11 have been canceled. Accordingly, claims 12-21 are currently pending. In addition, the amendment also adds a Related Applications paragraph. No new matter has been added.

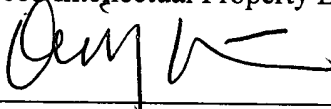
Consideration of the present application in view of the above amendment is respectfully requested.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "**Version With Markings to Show Changes Made.**"

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the Specification:

The following paragraph has been inserted at page 1, line 3, before the BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION SECTION:

RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/357,717, filed July 20, 1999, now issued as U.S. Pat. No. 6,417,325; which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/248,074, filed February 10, 1999, now issued as U.S. Pat. No. 6,346,412; which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application No. 08/996,679, filed December 23, 1997, now issued as U.S. Pat. No. 6,169,071; which application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application No. 08/893,534, filed July 11, 1997, now issued as U.S. Pat. No. 6,031,072; which application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/021,612, filed July 12, 1996, which applications and patents are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety.

In the Claims:

Claims 1-11 have been canceled.